

**Governor's Family Violence Council**  
**Staffed by the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention**  
**Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention**  
**100 Community Place, 1st Floor, Conference Room, Side B**  
**Crownsville, MD 21032**  
**Wednesday, October 18, 2018**  
**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Participating Members:**

Jeanne Yeager, Chair  
Dorothy Lennig, Esq., Vice-Chair  
Lillian Agbeyegbe  
Glenn Fueston, Jr.  
Kelly Hooper, Esq.  
Senator Susan Lee  
John McGinnis for Superintendent Karen B. Salmon  
V. Renee McKee for Secretary Lourdes Padilla  
Lisa Nitsch  
Kathleen O'Brien  
Scott Patterson  
Manuel Ruiz  
David Shultie  
Neshanna Turner  
Jaclin Warner Wiggins  
Reverend Anne Weatherholt  
Carrie Williams for Attorney General Brian E. Frosh  
David Wolinski for Secretary Stephen Moyer

**Guests:**

Anna Barton, YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County  
Trisha Gentle, Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence  
Laure Ruth, Women's Law Center

**Staff:**

Rebecca Allyn, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention  
Dale Enzor, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention  
Kelly Gorman, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention  
Don Hogan, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention  
Sabraya Knight, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention

**I. Welcome & Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:04 a.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.

## **II. GOCCP Updates**

Mr. Fueston informed Council members that the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and Children's Justice Act (CJAC) grant letters of intent were sent out and received by grant awardees. Mr. Fueston informed members that the grants team at the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (the Office) will work to streamline the Notice of Funding Availabilities (NOFAs) and will look into combining grants to make the grant application process more efficient and user friendly. The Office is making this a priority to prevent any grant delays in the future.

The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention recently received a \$2.6 million grant from the Department of Justice's Sexual Assault Kit Initiative to assist victims of sexual assault. This grant, which will be led by the Office of the Attorney General, will develop a statewide sexual assault evidence kit tracking system, test untested sexual assault evidence kits and hire victim advocates to engage in victim notification, communication and support activities.

Mr. Fueston updated Council members that House Bill 247, Victim Services Unit - Victims' Compensation, took effect July 1, 2018. House Bill 247 created a Victim Services Unit within the Office. The Office has hired Barbara Darley as the Assistant Director of the Victim Services Unit. The Office's goal for this unit is to build and expand victim service response. The bill also transferred the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB) and the Sexual Assault Reimbursement Unit (SARU) to be housed within the Office.

Mr. Fueston also discussed the Office's emphasis on human trafficking victims. Governor Hogan recently announced a \$5 million grant toward human trafficking victims. The Office has hired a Director of Anti-Human Trafficking Policy, Laurie Culkin, to help move forward these efforts initiated by Governor Hogan and the Office. Mr. Fueston also informed Council members that the Office has awarded the University of Maryland School of Public Policy a \$500,000 grant to support the development of a new Crime Research and Innovation Center. This Center will serve to identify outcome-based solutions aimed at combating violent crime and examine criminal justice issues relating to human trafficking, firearms trafficking, drug trafficking, and gangs. The Center will also work to engage and support victims of crime. The ultimate goal is to reduce violent crime and inform statewide policy through a multi-disciplinary approach.

## **III. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the July 11, 2018 meeting were provided to members and guests. Ms. Nitsch made a motion to approve the minutes; Mr. McGinnis seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the minutes were approved.

## **IV. Membership Updates**

Ms. Allyn informed members that Mr. Selden has resigned from the Council. The membership subcommittee has conducted interviews and several applicants have been sent to the Governor's Appointments Office in order to fill vacancies on the Council.

## **V. Proposed Bill: Electronic Devices - Harassment**

Mr. Hogan updated members on draft legislation for harassment by electronic devices. The bill adds a new crime under the title of stalking and harassment that addresses issues associated with

remote control devices such as thermostats, house alarms, etc. Council members provided feedback for Mr. Hogan to incorporate into the bill.

## **VI. Family Violence Council's 2018 Annual Report**

Ms. Yeager provided members with an overview of the Family Violence Council's 2018 Annual Report. Mr. McGinnis made a motion to approve the report and Ms. Nitsch seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the report was approved.

## **VII. Pregnancy and Domestic Violence**

Ms. Lennig discussed the need for domestic violence screening when women are pregnant. The Baltimore Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team previously addressed this topic and Ms. Lennig suggested the Council pick up where the Fatality Review Team left off. There is inconsistency with hospitals screening for domestic violence. In 2016, the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) listed intimate partner violence resources and a toolkit on their website. Members proposed to have a representative from MDH present at the next meeting to better understand the need.

## **VIII. Workgroup Updates**

### *a. Healthy Teen Dating*

Ms. Allyn informed members that the workgroup has partnered with Lauren Creamer, a graduate student at the University of Maryland School of Public Health, to create region-specific infographics to direct people to the *Healthy Teen Dating: A Guide for Educators and Youth Service Professionals*. These infographics are expected to be complete in November and will be disseminated at upcoming sexual assault prevention trainings with the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) and Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) to inform educators about the resource guide. The infographics will also be sent to other stakeholders across the state including Parent Teacher Associations, local school contacts, churches, Department of Parks and Recreation and more. Ms. Feinstein will be presenting on healthy teen dating and the resource guide at the Domestic Violence Interfaith Conference on Thursday, October 25th. The workgroup will hold a final meeting in December.

### *b. Fingerprinting in Domestic Violence Cases*

Ms. Lennig informed members that the workgroup held its first meeting on September 25, 2018. Under current law, if a defendant was not fingerprinted at the time of arrest for the sentenced crime, the sentencing judge shall order the defendant to be fingerprinted by the appropriate and available law enforcement unit when the defendant is found guilty or pleads guilty, is sentenced to commitment in a local correctional facility, or receives a suspended sentence, probation, probation before judgment under § 6-220 of this article, or a fine, per Criminal Procedure Article §10-216. The workgroup was tasked with reviewing the activities and progress of current/past workgroups, identifying gaps, and working together to make practical recommendations that can succeed across the State regarding lack of fingerprinting as it pertains to domestic violence cases. The workgroup identified three subcommittees for the group to focus on: research/data gathering, education, and the mapping of a case through the criminal justice system.

c. *AIP Certification Review Process*

Ms. Agbeyegbe informed members that the workgroup will hold their first meeting on October 26. The workgroup will focus on reassessing the sections of the AIP Certification Review Form to adjust size and weight, and determine specific criteria that warrants a certain score. The workgroup will use research studies to support the weight given to each section.

**IX. Old/New Business**

Ms. Yeager informed members of a possible domestic violence database through the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for domestic violence providers who receive homelessness funding through their local Continuum of Care. Several domestic violence providers are concerned that this database will still not address victim confidentiality. The Council recommended continuing this discussion at the next meeting and inviting DHCD representatives to present.

**X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:20 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday, January 9, 2019 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
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